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REMARKS

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1. On 11 August 1950 [] the VP school at the airfield of Prenzlau (N 54/Q 04) was organized into 11 companies of about 200 police each. Each company had two infantry platoons, a submachine gun platoon with model 44 submachine guns and a heavy machine gun platoon with two model 08/15 heavy machine guns. Four model 42 light machine guns were also assigned to each company. Personnel of the school said that the training would be completed by 1 September 1950. Final exercises and examinations were scheduled between 15 August and 1 September 1950. Night exercises were frequently held prior to 11 August 1950. *

2. On 11 August 1950 the VP Bereitschaft in the Rote Kaserne on Alsenstrasse had about 1,000 police and was armed with model 44 submachine guns, model 42 machine guns and two medium mortars for each company. **

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- * [] Comment. The VP school (Inf) was repeatedly confirmed in the barracks installation at the Prenzlau airfield. [] The stated strength of more than 2,200 police seems to be exaggerated. Each company is believed to number from 100 to 120 men.

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- ** [] Comment. The 3rd VP Bereitschaft (Inf) of Land Brandenburg was repeatedly confirmed in the barracks installation on Alsenstrasse, Prenzlau. []

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